

Replication Information:
*The Effect of Judicial Decisions on Issue
Salience and Legal Consciousness in Media
Serving the LGBTQ+ Community*

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File Digest

The following files are included on Dataverse for replicating the results reported in the article and in the appendix.

1. `code.r`

- This file contains all of the R code necessary for replication. The code is heavily commented to provide details on each step, and operates sequentially to generate each figure or table in the manuscript and appendix.

2. `replication_workspace.RData`

- This is an R workspace with four saved objects for the replication. Those objects are:
 - `mydfm`: This is the document-feature matrix after pre-processing is applied in order to estimate the structural topic models. The pre-processing removes capitalization, punctuation, and stop words, then retains only terms appearing at least 20 times and in at least 5% of documents.
 - `sentimentDfm`: This data frame contains publication information on each article, including the source, the date of publication, and an indicator for the length of the article (the total number of pages).
 - `corpusAsDfm`: This is the corpus transformed to a document-feature matrix with minimal pre-processing (only capitalization is removed). This is used for estimating the sentiment scores.
 - `textdata`: This is a data frame featuring just the article information for each of the articles in our analyses.

3. `sessionInfo.txt`

- This is a file indicating information related to the R session in which the replication code was most recently executed.

4. `README.pdf`

- This file, providing an overview of the dataset.

Availability of Texts

The article texts used in the analyses were acquired from the ProQuest LGBT Magazine Archive based on the procedures outlined in Section A1 of the Appendix. Scholars interested in discussing the original texts of the articles are encouraged to contact the authors. The Terms and Conditions Agreement for ProQuest precludes redistribution of articles acquired from their website. According to the Agreement, doing so is a violation of copyrights held by ProQuest and their licensors. For that reason, we are unable to share the original texts of the articles retrieved.